



## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

BOBBY JINDAL

GOVERNOR

HAROLD LEGGETT, Ph.D.

SECRETARY

**For Immediate Release**

Jan. 15, 2009

**Contact:** Rodney Mallett

**Telephone:** 225.219.3964

### **State, feds reach agreements with companies**

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality made two announcements today concerning settlements it has joined in with federal agencies.

A finalized settlement agreement with Calcasieu Refining Company calls for Calcasieu Refining to pay \$306,250 as a civil penalty to the state. The company is also responsible for implementing facility-wide enhanced benzene waste monitoring and fugitive emission control programs, as well as a program to minimize flaring events.

The agreement was coordinated with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Justice Department.

DEQ also announced today that it has joined federal agencies, other state agencies and the Northern Arapaho Tribe in a settlement with Chemtrade Logistics, Chemtrade Refinery Services and Marsulex. The agreement, which has been filed with the court, calls for the payment of \$60,000 as a civil penalty to the state.

The companies are responsible for making an estimated 198 per year tons in air-emissions reductions at the Shreveport sulfuric acid plant. Those reductions are for sulfur dioxide.

Five other facilities throughout Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming are part of the agreement that was coordinated with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Justice Department.

The consent decree, lodged in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, is subject to a public comment period and approval by the federal court.

--30--

**DEQ COMMUNICATIONS**  
[WWW.DEQ.LOUISIANA.GOV](http://WWW.DEQ.LOUISIANA.GOV)